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SUBJECT : BIO DATA ON DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER BARREIRO

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1. DURING HIS ALMOST FIVE YEARS AS PARAGUAYAN PERMREP, BARREIRO HAS MAINTAINED A LOW PROFILE. HE IS PRONE TO MAKE RAPID IF NOT PARTICULARLY WELL-INFORMED JUDGEMENTS AND IS EXTRAORDINARILY SENSITIVE TO IMAGINED AFFRONT TO HIS DIGNITY AND POSITION. HE IS QUITE CONSERVATIVE AND VOCALLY ANTI-COMMUNIST. HE IS ACCESSIBLE, FRIENDLY AND PRO-AMERICAN, BUT HAS BEEN QUITE CRITICAL OF US POLICIES UPON OCCASION. BARREIRO CAN BE A DIFFICULT INTERLOCUTOR BECAUSE OF HIS TENDENCY TO SPEAK WITH EXTRAORDINARY PASSION, AT GREAT LENGTH AND AT VERY HIGH VOLUME.

2. USUN IS POUCHING TO EMBASSY ASUNCION SOME ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE PARAGUAYAN MISSION WHEN BARREIRO PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS IN 1973 AND COPIES OF TWO TELEGRAMS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST. END CONFIDENTIAL.

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3. THERE FOLLOWS A BRIEF BIO SKETCH CONTAINED IN THE MAY ISSUE OF DIPLOMATIC WORLD:

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"A FORMER ADMINISTRATIVE, EDUCATIONAL AND BANKING OFFICIAL, MR. BARREIRO WAS HIS COUNTRY'S SPECIAL AMBASSADOR TO COLOMBIA AT THE TIME OF HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED NATIONS POST.

"IN THE EDUCATIONAL FIELD, MR. BARREIRO WAS DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL COLLEGE IN ASUNCION AND TAUGHT IN VARIOUS

SCHOOLS OF SECONDARY EDUCATION. HE WAS ALSO SECRETARY OF THE PARAGUAYAN PERMANENT COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO), AS WELL AS HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SECONDARY AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND RELIGION.

"FROM 1959 TO 1967, HE WAS UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE (VICE MINISTER) FOR EDUCATION AND RELIGION. IN THAT POSITION HE PRESIDED OVER COMMITTEES FOR PARAGUAYAN EDUCATIONAL REFORM AT THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY LEVELS. HE WAS ALSO A LEGAL ADVISER TO THE POSTAL ADMINISTRATION AND THE INTERNAL TAX OFFICE, AND SERVED EARLIER AS A LAWYER FOR THE TREASURY. FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, MR. BARREIRO WAS FIRST SECRETARY IN THE PARAGUAYAN EMBASSY IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL." END UNCLASSIFIED.

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